

23. A method for scanning data utilizing a system capable of interfacing multiple scanning engines, comprising:
- identifying a request from a user for data to be scanned for viruses utilizing an interface;
  - translating the request to be utilized by at least one of a plurality of different scanning engines;
  - sending the translated request to the at least one of the scanning engines, the request being adapted for prompting the at least one scanning engine to scan the data and respond with events upon locating a virus;
  - receiving the events from the at least one scanning engine;
  - translating the events into a common format; and
  - outputting the translated events utilizing the interface.
24. A computer program product for scanning data utilizing a system capable of interfacing multiple scanning engines, comprising:
- computer code for identifying a request from a user for data to be scanned for viruses utilizing an interface;
  - computer code for translating the request to be utilized by at least one of a plurality of different scanning engines;
  - computer code for sending the translated request to the at least one of the scanning engines, the request being adapted for prompting the at least one scanning engine to scan the data and respond with events upon locating a virus;
  - computer code for receiving the events from the at least one scanning engine;
  - computer code for translating the events into a common format; and
  - computer code for outputting the translated events utilizing the interface.